



Milbra Franklin Reese

September 22, 1936 - April 16, 2018

Milbra Ruth Franklin Reese, 81, died Monday, April 16, 2018. Born on September 22, 1936, in Columbia, SC, she was a daughter of the late Reverend William Eugene Franklin and Grace Hinnant Franklin. She is survived by her husband, Robert “Bob” Reese; son, James “Jim” Eugene Reese, Sr. (Maria); daughter-in-law, Jane Reese; grandchildren, Wendy Broman (Will), Laura Rease (Evin), Katie Fischer (Matt), Stephen Reese (Madelaine), Forest Reese and Savannah Reese; great grandchildren, Annabelle and Peyton Broman, Dillon and Kayleigh Rease, Tessa and Wyatt Fischer, and Wyatt Kazmier. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Reese was preceded in death by her son, Robert William “Bill” Reese; grandsons, Jim Reese, Jr. and Lance Reese; and brother, Gene Franklin.

While Milbra was a secretary at Williams Furniture Company in Sumter, SC, and Bob was a graduate student in forestry at NC State University, they were introduced by “matchmaker” friends in the furniture company. Bob invited her to see “Sound of Music” and said he “liked the way she held my hand.” Two months later they were married and enjoyed 52 years of wonderful marriage. She and Bob were the closest of life-long companions. They felt that their marriage was one made in heaven and truly complemented each other. She brought a quiet spiritual strength to their marriage. During the following years she completed two nursing degrees, a Master of Divinity, and became a board-certified chaplain. Her special joy was being a staff chaplain at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital for six years. In later years a special pleasure of hers was keeping up with current events, enjoying her yard flowers, and seeing a wide variety of backyard birds feasting on feeders and nectar. But her greatest joy was spending time with each of her grandchildren, encouraging them, and following each of their activities. Whenever anyone spoke of them, it was always “Bob and Milbra.” To their grandchildren it was, “Nanny and Pop.” Her grandchildren’s words about Nanny offer a good picture of this true “Southern Lady”. To them Nanny was a blessing, compassionate, sweet, excellent Grandmother, great listener, Godly, encouraging, loving, gentle, empathetic, quite strength, understanding, beautiful, rich heart, and believing in us. In later years she faced struggles with declining health with courage, quiet resolve, and indomitable spirit. During her last hospitalization, she told Bob, “I’m not ready to leave you now. I have too much to live for.”

But when the time came she was ready to be with her Lord and Savior and to rejoin her beloved son, Bill. Milbra and Bob did everything together and having her gone is hard. She will be universally missed by a host of relatives, friends, and neighbors.

The service for Milbra will be held at 11 o'clock Friday, April 20th at Shandon Baptist Church, 5250 Forest Drive, Columbia, with Reverend Dennis Banks officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at The Gathering Place at Shandon Baptist Church. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel is assisting the family.

The family has requested memorials be made to Erskine College and Seminary, Attn: Advancement Office, PO Box 338, Due West, SC 29639 or to the charity of ones' choice.

Events

APR **Service** 11:00AM

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Shandon Baptist Church
5250 Forest Drive, Columbia, SC, US, 29206

APR **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - April 19, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ Our condolences go out to Bob Reece and his family. Milbra was a loving and caring person. Bob and Milbra both visited our family in Arizona.-John Perry Johnson and Virginia Ann Johnson-Lake Oswego,Oregon.

John Perry Johnson - May 11, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ The Spigner Family extends its deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the Reese, Franklin and Hinnant families. We are so sorry for your loss.

Fletcher Spigner III
Columbia, SC
FSpigner@aol.com

Fletcher Spigner III - April 21, 2018 at 11:51 PM



“ Dear Friends,
We are sitting here watching the special tribute to Mibra. It was perhaps one of the sweetest videos we have seen. She certainly was well loved. Her love for the family and others was obvious from the viewing of past memories. These are moments to be treasured. Our family remembers her, Bob, Jim and Billy from the earlier days. Many of the family knows of the special bond the Going and Franklin families have shared throughout the years. We have enjoyed seeing your family gatherings, but was really touched to see the photos of our "little" Billy's family. Sorry we can not be with the family today. There is alot of sickness among our families. Just know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers today. May God Bless, Love Brenda Going, Melanie G. Burnett and family. Tina G. Utter and family.

Melanie Burnett - April 20, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ Milbra was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. It was fun watching you, Bob, & Milbra together. One could tell that you adored one another. Milbra will be missed by many because she was so loved by many. God bless you, Bob, as you live with beautiful memories.

Elizabeth (Libby) Pritchard

Elizabeth Pritchard - April 19, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ From: Jim & Sonja Goodman purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Milbra Franklin Reese.



From: Jim & Sonja Goodman - April 19, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ Bob we are so sorry to hear about Milbra. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to you and the rest of the family. I know that my Mom and Dad are rejoicing in a heavenly reunion with her!
Ted & Marie Mosley and Emily & Warren Ballard



Marie Mosley - April 19, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ We were sorry to hear of Milbra's passing. May God's comforting arms be with you today and the days ahead. Our prayers are with you and the family. Tim and Ophelia Brown

Tim and Ophelia Brown - April 19, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Milbra Franklin Reese.



April 19, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ Jim, Brother..Anna, Sister.. our heart is with you..This is the journey that no one but The LORD GOD can comfort. It adjusts your heart toward Heaven like no other. She knows as she is known now, and has met every family member in her DNA that has ever been saved. They were her welcoming party. You and I will see our Moms again, Brother/Sister...All our love.. Seymour..and Jurena.

Alvin Seymour Cook - April 19, 2018 at 08:49 AM



“ Ellen Castles

Ellen Castles - April 19, 2018 at 12:15 AM



“ Sorry for your loss.

Ellen Castles - April 19, 2018 at 12:17 AM



“ Jennifer Myers lit a candle in memory of Milbra Franklin Reese



Jennifer Myers - April 18, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ Danny & Rita Bailey lit a candle in memory of Milbra Franklin Reese



Danny & Rita Bailey - April 18, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ Bob our though's and Pray's are with you and you're family at this time.

Love In Christ
Charles and Janet McNeely

Charles and Janet McNeely - April 18, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn of Milbra's death
Our deepest sympathy Don and Joann Matthews

Joann Matthews - April 18, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ Bob and family. I am so sorry to hear of Mrs Milbra's passing. She was such a sweet lady. Always had a smile on her face. I will miss her so much.

Brenda Trafficanti - April 18, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ Bob and Family. My prayers and thoughts are with you all at Milbra's passing. She was a wonderful person. I always knew that if i needed a prayer warrior Milbra was the one to ask. She was a Godly Lady and I admired her very much.

Ann Cook

Ann Cook - April 18, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ Bob, Jim, and Family..Our Saint and Prayer Warrior is now with our Lord and Savior...She has . now,, met THE MASTER...what a Glorious thought...Our Prayers are now with you as you grieve at this time..May Our Lord comfort you and find Rest and Peace through Him..Milbra, I'll met you in the morning over there...Marion Bowie



Marion Bowie - April 18, 2018 at 08:30 AM